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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Stoughton, as an Electric Public  
Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

5740-ER-104

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS  
AND  
TELEPHONIC HEARING**

<b>Telephonic Hearing Date:</b>	<b>February 4, 1999 – 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Hearing Locations:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI</b>  <b>Stoughton Electric Utility Offices, 600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton , WI</b>

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO** consider the application dated October 1, 1998, of the City of Stoughton, Dane County, (applicant or Stoughton), as an electric public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase electric rates.

Stoughton requests a rate increase of 4.27 percent. Stoughton cites increases in operating expenses and the value of its utility plant, since its last rate case in 1990, as the primary reasons for needing this increase.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on February 4, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Stoughton Municipal Utility Building, 600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (608) 873-3379 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jerry Albrecht at (608) 267-5111. Please contact Jeffry Patzke, Hearing Examiner, at (608) 266-7165 for specific questions about the hearing process.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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